(*b*) The owners of the crops are proposed to be given relief by way of agricultural loans not exceeding Rs. 100.

PADDY CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

97. Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what approximate area of land is under paddy cultivation in Cochin State;

(*b*) what approximate quantity of paddy is annually produced in Cochin State;

(*c*) what approximate quantity of paddy is required in Cochin State for local consumption;

(*d*) whether there are lands in the possession of the Government fit for paddy cultivation and if so, the approximate extent of such land?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 2,10,000 acres.

(*b*) 2,10,00,000 paras.

(*c*) 5,00,00,000 paras.

(*d*) No.

98. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have examined the problem of food supply in the State particularly with reference to the approximate quantity of paddy required for a year, the quantity produced in the State and the quantity imported;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the result of the examination?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Not in recent years.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES—RECIPIENTS PASSING AS TITLE-HOLDERS—PRESS NOTE REGARDING

99. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have caused the publication of a Press

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Note stating that recipients of medals and certificates should not pass for title-holders;

(*b*) if so, a copy of that note, communique or order may be printed and placed on the table of the House;

(*c*) what occasioned the publication of such a Press Note; what was the special reason to issue such a note?

Mr. K. V. Menon *(Publicity Officer):*

(*a*) Yes. A Press Communique has been published.

(*b*) The Communique has been published on page 411 of Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 4th Kumbham 1116 (15th February 1941).

(*c*) The Communique was issued because it appeared to Government that there was a misapprehension in the minds of the public that the award of a medal by the authorities of the Sanskrit College, Tripunittura, entitled the recipients to pass off as a title-holder.

HEALTH VISITORS APPOINTED AS CLERKS—SENIORITY OF

100. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the date of appointment of the 3 health visitors as clerks in the Medical Department on the scale of Rs. 15—25;

(*b*) on that date were there clerks already in the Medical Department drawing the maximum of Rs. 25 and if so, how many;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether these old clerks have not seniority over the new health-visitor-clerks;

(*d*) what is the relevant portion of the S. O. deciding this question of seniority?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) 1st Vrischigam 1115.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (*b*).

(*d*) S. O. No. 17.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yesterday I promised Mr. Viswambharan to give information with regard to Peringottukara. The original idea was to acquire land at Rs. 575. He submitted proposals for Rs. 777—12—0. Therefore, we thought it is going too far for starting societies and an order was issued to suspend all further proceedings. We have not sanctioned, because

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